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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 9, 2007, and prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below. Applicants are submitting a petition for a one-month extension of time with this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.